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"EXPRESS MAIL" Mailing Label No. EV108874838US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Klaus Bruchmann	)	<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>
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For:	SWITCHING SYSTEM WITH A	)	Confirmation No. 8744
	COMBINED SWITCHING AND	)	
	BLOCKING DEVICE	)	
	(As Amended By The Enclosed	)	
	Preliminary Amendment)	)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment before examining the application and calculating the filing fee.

The Preliminary Amendment refers to the English language translation enclosed herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the ABSTRACT on page 11 of the specification with the following re-written ABSTRACT which is supported by the originally filed specification and claims:

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